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Dear Comrades,

We have seen out the year 1973, the year of glory which witnessed great successes in the revolutionary struggle and constructive work, and are seeing in a hopeful New Year 1974, which will shine with a new struggle and victory.

Allow me to offer, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, warm felicitations and greetings on the New Year Day to our heroic working class and co-operative farmers and all other working people who waged a courageous struggle for socialist construction last year.

Allow me also to extend, seeing in the New Year, warm felicitations to the valiant officers and men of the People's Army and People's Security Forces, the Public Security personnel, Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and Red Young Guardsmen who are firmly defending the security of the fatherland and the gains of revolution.

I extend my New Year greetings to the south Korean revolutionaries and democratic figures, students and people of all strata who are fighting courageously to realise the democratization of the south Korean society and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

I warmly congratulate the members of the delegation of Koreans in Japan headed by Comrade Hong Bong Su, vice-Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the Chongryun (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan), and the members of different Chongryun delegations who are greeting the New Year with us in the homeland and extend my New Year greetings to Comrade Han Duk Su and all the functionaries of Chongryun and the Koreans in Japan and to all other Koreans abroad.

The year 1973 was a year of victory in which shining successes were registered, internationally and internally, politically and economically, in the struggle for fulfilling the grandiose program put forward by the Fifth Congress of the Party.

Last year our people waged an energetic struggle for fulfilling the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions under the leadership of the Party, holding high the banner of three revolutions, recording enormous achievements in all the political, economic and cultural fields.

We brought about a great turn last year in the work of revolutionizing and working-classizing the whole society by keeping the ideological revolution definitely ahead of all other work.

An energetic struggle was waged for strengthening the organizational life and establishing the habit of study among the Party members and working people with the result that all the Party members and working people have come to take an active part in the organizational life and the revolutionary habit of study, the habit of studying while working, and working while studying, has been firmly established throughout the country.

Last year, the revolutionary working class and Party nuclei and young intellectuals performed a very important role in revolutionizing and working-classizing the whole society. Our Party nuclei and young intellectuals went among the working people and energetically waged the struggle against all shades of outmoded ideas and tirelessly carried on the work of ideological education. Especially, the primary-level cadres of the factories, enterprises and co-operative farms took part in all work with the sense of a master and all the cadres waged an active struggle at the head of the masses.

With the vigorous progress of the ideological revolution last year, all the Party members and working people were armed more firmly with the *Juche* idea of our Party and the monolithic ideological system of the Party was thoroughly established in the whole society.

The level of political consciousness and revolutionary enthusiasm of the Party members and working people were heightened immensely and traits of everyone carrying out his assignment in a responsible manner with the attitude of a master towards the revolution have been established.

Big success was made in the fulfilment of the three major tasks of the technical revolution as well.

The most important task facing us in the fulfilment of the three major tasks of the technical revolution last year was to concentrate efforts on the rural technical revolution to significantly meet in 1974 the 10th anniversary of the publication of "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country."

Our heroic working class infinitely faithful to the Party built the Kumsong Tractor Plant into a modern large-scale plant in a very short period and produced tractors in great numbers and sent them to the rural districts. This lifted the number of tractors for every 100 *chongbo* (one *chongbo* approximates one hectare) of arable land to 2-2.5 and to 3-4 in the plain areas last year.

The workers and technicians of the Sungri General Automobile Plant successfully scaled the height of automobile production by displaying all their ingenuity and creativeness, thus making a great contribution to the fulfilment of the rural technical revolution.

Last year witnessed an energetic struggle for building up fertilizer plants, which laid a material foundation for applying more than one ton of chemical fertilizers per *chongbo* in terms of weight and over 200 kilogrammes in terms of ingredients. Especially, apatite mines were developed on a wide scale, which made it possible to produce a sufficient amount of phosphorous fertilizer in reliance upon home raw materials. And a foundation has been laid for the satisfactory supply of microelement fertilizers suited to the properties of soil and crops.

Last year functionaries who graduated from agricultural colleges and young intellectuals actively proceeded to the rural districts and removed conservatism and empiricism remaining among functionaries and gave scientific and technical guidance in the farm work, strictly observed the principles of right crop to right soil and right crop in right time and thoroughly established a scientific system of fertilizer application.

The energetic progress of the rural technical revolution and the improvement of guidance over the farm work led to a radical change in agricultural production. Our co-operative farmers, infinitely loyal to the Party, effectively carried out all the farm work and reaped last year, too, a bumper harvest rare to be seen and opened up a sure prospect for successfully capturing the height of grain envisaged in the Six-Year Plan.

Last year, in the domain of heavy industry the technical revolution was energetically carried on to bring definite progress in the work of mechanizing, semi-automating and automating the production processes, markedly lessen toilsome labour and save huge labour force and bring about a new upsurge in production. Particularly, workers, technicians and young intellectuals took an active part in the technical innovation movement and advanced many new technical inventions. I am greatly satisfied with this.

Last year the Party and the state directed great efforts to the transportation and established various new transport systems, while vigorously waging a struggle for building new ship-building bases and expanding existing ones. We have thus laid a solid material and technical foundation for building many ships of various types including large ships from this year.

In the domain of light industry we built many textile mills and knitwear, footwear, daily necessaries and foodstuff factories and furnished out a clothing factory in each county and workers' settlement. As a result, we have become able to ensure better the proportionate development of the heavy and light industries and supply the people with a greater amount of high-quality consumption goods and lessen the household chores of women a great deal.

The technical revolution was vigorously pushed ahead and economic construction accelerated at fast pace in all branches of the national economy, with the result that the foundation of the independent national economy of the country has been consolidated all the more. Although the world is swept by a very serious economic fluctuation and many countries are undergoing a fuel crisis and various other economic difficulties, the economy of our country is steadily developing on a very secure basis, not influenced by this world-wide economic fluctuation and crisis. This furnishes added proof of the correctness and great vitality of our Party's line of building socialist independent national economy.

Last year great success was made also in the struggle for carrying out the cultural revolution.

We adopted last year the law on enforcing the universal compulsory 10-year senior middle school education at the Second Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly and made vigorous endeavours for putting it into practice. Thanks to the energetic struggle of the entire people a great advance was made last year in enforcing the universal compulsory 10-year senior middle school education and it already entered the stage of full-scale enforcement in some areas. It is beyond doubt that the universal compulsory 10-year senior middle school education will be completely enforced ahead of schedule if our people make sustained efforts with such a high degree of enthusiasm as now.

Like in school education, a great advance was made in the work of bringing up the pre-school age children under social care. Many creches and kindergartens were built and their operation was improved, with the result that more than 3.5 million children are reared at creches and kindergartens at state and social expenses and women are able to take a job and work free from cares.

Last year the habit of study was thoroughly established and technical knowhow widely disseminated among the working people to markedly raise the overall technical and cultural level of the working people.

Last year an energetic struggle was waged for establishing productive sanitation and culture in living in the urban and rural areas, with the result that the factories and enterprises were kept neat and tidy and the looks of town and country underwent a radical change and a great turn was effected in the way of life of the working people. The massive movement for introducing the water and bus services in the countryside led to the completion of this work in many local areas.

Last year the writers and artists created revolutionary and militant literary and art works, greatly contributing to the revolutionization and working-classization of the working people and widely demonstrating to the whole world the vitality of the socialist literature and art of our country. Particularly, our writers, artists and pressmen proceeded to the production sites and powerfully encouraged and roused the workers and peasants in the production drive, while tempering themselves. The Party highly appreciates the active contribution made by the writers, artists and pressmen to the fulfilment of the three revolutions through their revolutionary and militant literary and art and propaganda activities and direct participation in labour.

Last year our valiant officers and men of the People's Army and People's Security Forces further increased the combat capacity of their units and reliably defended the security of the fatherland and the people. Our Public Security personnel, with heightened revolutionary vigilance, firmly guarded the socialist gains from the subversive activities and sabotage of the enemy and the Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and Red Young Guardsmen further perfected the combat preparedness by intensifying their combat and political trainings.

Greeting the New Year, I express deep thanks to our heroic working class and co-operative farmers, working intellectuals and student youth, officers and men of the People's Army and the People's Security Forces, and the Public Security personnel, Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and Red Young Guardsmen who have performed great exploits on all fronts of socialist construction holding aloft the banner of the three revolutions.

Last year a great advance was made also in the struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Last year our people, with the active support and encouragement of the world progressive people, curbed and frustrated the schemings of the U.S. imperialists and the south Korean reactionaries for the simultaneous admission of "two Koreas" to the United Nations, dealt a fatal blow at the splittists within and without bent on perpetuating the division of Korea and brought to dishandment the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea," the U.S. imperialists' tool of aggression and interference in the other's internal affairs. This is a shining victory of our Party's line of independent and peaceful reunification.

Last year the south Korean students and people again rose up courageously in the national salvation struggle, even in a "state of emergency" in which the fascist repression was so harsh. Now the south Korean students and people are fighting resolutely against the anti-popular, treacherous acts of the south Korean authorities in stamping out democracy, harshly suppressing the people and selling off the country and the nation to the U.S. and Japanese aggressors. The struggle of the south Korean students and people is a just struggle for the right to existence and democracy and a patriotic struggle for saving the country and the nation and reunifying the fatherland.

Seeing in the New Year, I extend full support and encouragement to the just patriotic struggle of the south Korean students and people for realizing the democratization of the south Korean society and saving the country and the nation.

The energetic external activities of our Party and the Government of our Republic last year raised higher the international position of the Republic and strengthened all the more the international solidarity with our revolution.

The Fourth Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries held in Algeria last year denounced the plot of the U.S. imperialists and the south Korean authorities to create "two Koreas" and expressed firm solidarity with the Korean people in the struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and adopted with a unanimous approval a resolution in full accord with our Party's line of national reunification. And at the 28th United Nations General Assembly many countries actively supported the line of our Party and the Government of our Republic on independent and peaceful reunification and manifested firm solidarity for the revolutionary cause of our people.

On the New Year Day, I, in the name of the entire Korean people, offer warm felicitations and greetings to the peoples of the socialist countries and the newborn independent states and peoples of various other countries of the world who have positively supported and encouraged our people's struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Comrades,

The year of 1974 is a year when our people should strive with redoubled efforts for fulfilling the Six-Year Plan ahead of schedule. Whether we carry out ahead of the set time the grand tasks of the Six-Year Plan put forth at the Fifth Congress of the Party or not depends on how we wage the battle this year. All the Party members and working people should make a decisive advance in the fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan by vigorously waging the struggle for the preschedule fulfilment of the national economic plan for this year.

This year we should direct the efforts of the whole Party and whole state to capital construction to effect a great upsurge in construction.

The key to the preschedule fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan in all the branches of the national economy lies in successful capital construction this year. The Central Committee of the Party decided to concentrate fire on capital construction, setting this year a year of construction.

All the Party members and working people should make a new leaping advance in socialist construction by energetically accelerating construction at a new Chollima speed, a new Pyongyang speed. This year we should concentrate our efforts on the expansion project of the Kim Chaek Iron Works, the expansion project of the April 13 Iron Works, the second stage project of the Sodusu Power Plant and the second stage project of the Pukchang Thermal Power Plant, the construction of the Chongchon-gang Thermal Power Plant, Taedong-gang Power Plant, the Youth Chemical Plant, the Nampo Chemical Plant, the Sunchon Cement Factory and other major construction objects to hasten the construction by the method of annihilation operation and thus bring them into operation at the earliest possible date.

An important task facing us this year is to fulfil the main tasks of the rural technical revolution put forth in "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country" and sharply boost agricultural production.

We will mark this year the 10th anniversary of the publication of "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country." In accordance with the line laid down in the rural theses, this year we should effect a new upsurge in the fulfilment of the rural technical revolution by strengthening in every way the support of towns to the countryside and the assistance of industry to agriculture and making the whole country turn out in actively helping the countryside. Especially, in the engineering industry, modern farm machines such as tractors, trucks and trailing farm-machines should be manufactured in great numbers and sent to the countryside and in the chemical industry a wide variety of chemical fertilizers and agricultural chemicals of high quality be produced in larger quantities for the countryside.

By making a decisive advance in the fulfilment of the rural technical revolution this year, we should greet the 10th anniversary of the publication of the rural theses more significantly, relieve the peasants of toilsome labour a great deal and capture the grain height of the Six-Year Plan without fail.

In the mining industry, the equipment should be replaced with large-size, modern and high-speed one and transport be diversified to increase production at the existing mines and, at the same time, new mines should be developed rapidly to increase the ore output and the output of non-ferrous metal ores in particular be decisively increased. In order to dispose of the rapidly increasing non-ferrous metal ores in time, the utility rate of equipment should be further raised at the non-ferrous metallurgical works and a new large-scale non-ferrous metallurgical base with modern facilities be brought into shape in the Tanchon area.

In accordance with the line shaped at the 7th Plenary Meeting of the 5th Central Committee of the Party, this year we should increase investments in the coal industry, replace the coal mine facilities with large-size and modern ones and give a definite precedence to prospecting and tunnelling at the coal mines to sharply increase coal output.

The engineering industry this year should devote efforts to the production of the equipment for different plants to manufacture and supply sufficient equipment for different plants needed in various branches of the national economy.

In order to develop the fisheries and marine transport and successfully carry on foreign trade, it is necessary to further develop the ship-building industry and build many big ships. This year the workers and technicians of the ship-building industry should boldly think and boldly buckle down to building many big ships above 10,000-ton class by relying on the already laid foundation of the ship-building industry. In pace with the growth of ship-building, the production of engines of various types should be raised and the base for manufacturing outfit be firmly consolidated to manufacture outfit of high quality in larger quantities.

In the light industry, the locally-controlled industry should be extensively developed along with the central industry for a new turn in the production of mass consumption goods. The provincial, city and county Party organisations and leading workers should build on a large scale light industrial factories including corn-starch factories, foodstuff factories, textile mills, knitwear mills, clothing factories, furniture factories and daily necessaries factories by actively tapping the local reserves from the stand of a master so that an increased amount of high-quality daily necessities of wide variety may be produced.

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President KIM IL SUNG Sends New Year's Message

To Chairman Han Duk Su of CSC of Chongryun

PYONGYANG, Jan. 2 (KCNA) The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message to Comrade Han Duk Su, Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun) on the occasion of the New Year 1974. Follows the message:

Comrade Han Duk Su

Chairman of Central Standing Committee of General Association of Korean Residents in Japan

Seeing out the year 1973 which was recorded as one more year of brilliant victory in the history of the fatherland and seeing in the New Year 1974, I extend, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and in my own name, warmest felicitations and compatriotic greetings to Comrade Chairman and the 600,000 compatriots in Japan.

Last year the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan has done a lot of work for the national rights and interests of the compatriots in Japan and for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, the immediate and supreme task of our nation, holding aloft the *Juche* idea of our Party.

Chongryun has firmly established the ideological system of *Juche* among its functionaries and the masses of compatriots and consolidated, on this basis, the political and ideological unity and cohesion of its ranks and reliably built its organization as an organization of the citizens overseas serving our national cause.

And Chongryun has strengthened the national unity of the compatriots of all strata in Japan to defend with honour all the democratic, national rights as citizens overseas of the Republic, and skilfully organized and mobilized the 600,000 compatriots in Japan to the nation-wide struggle for achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and actively supported and encouraged the south Korean people in their movement against fascism and for democracy directed against the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and their lackeys.

At the same time, Chongryun has made a great contribution to the creation of an international climate favourable for the struggle of our people for national reunification by constantly strengthening the relations with various political parties, social organizations and figures of all circles of Japan and progressive people of all countries of the world.

All these proud victories and successes won by the compatriots in Japan under the guidance of Chongryun in the struggle for the dignity and prosperity of the nation and for the complete reunification and independence of the fatherland could be made because Chongryun has been faithful to the *Juche* idea of our Party and correctly embodied it in its work.

They are also a precious fruition of the high degree of patriotic devotion displayed by all the compatriots in Japan who rose up as one in the struggle for putting an end to the tragic split of the nation and achieving the country's peaceful reunification.

We highly appreciate these precious exploits the functionaries of Chongryun and compatriots in Japan have performed, courageously overcoming all the obstacles and difficulties barring their way as an example of the movement of love for the country and the nation and an expression of infinite loyalty to our Party and the socialist fatherland.

To this, I, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, extend warm thanks to Comrade Chairman and other Chongryun functionaries and the 600,000 compatriots in Japan.

The people in the homeland last year achieved a decisive victory in the struggle for fulfilling the Six-Year Plan and further increased the internal force of the nation for restoring the national links between the north and south and bringing earlier the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, by energetically pushing ahead with the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, and effecting a new great revolutionary upsurge in all fields of the national economy under the leadership of our Party.

Boundlessly inspired by the achievements of socialist construction in the northern half of the Republic, the patriotic students and people of all strata of south Korea rose up determinedly in the teeth of the unheard-of sanguinary repression and opened up a new phase in the struggle against the fascist rule and for the realization of the democratisation of society, against the plot of the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and their lackeys to perpetuate the national division and for the peaceful reunification of the country.

The five-point program of national reunification put forth by our Party enlisted unqualified support and unanimous sympathy of the progressive people of the whole world and dealt a serious blow to the "two Koreas" plot of the enemies at home and abroad.

Retrospecting with high pride the struggle of last one year proudly recorded in the history of the national reunification movement of our people, the people in the homeland are now seeing in the hopeful New Year with new confidence and revolutionary determination.

The most important task arising today in embodying the great *Juche* idea in the Korean revolution is to unite all the patriotic forces of the nation and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

I firmly believe that in the New Year, too, Chongryun will thoroughly establish the ideological system of *Juche* in all fields of the activities, build up more firmly the organisations at all levels to suit the prevailing situation and rally as one all the compatriots in Japan who love the country on the sacred front of struggle for the reunification of the fatherland, irrespective of political view, religious belief, property status and organisational affiliation, and thus carry out with credit the lofty patriotic tasks assigned to it in the nation-wide struggle for making 1974 a year of radical change in realising the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

I wish dear Comrade Chairman good health and the Korean nationals in Japan happiness.

KIM IL SUNG

President of Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, January 1, 1974

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This year we should dynamically accelerate socialist economic construction to further consolidate the material and technical foundations of the country and make the people's life more abundant and cultural. Thus, we should give full play to the inexhaustible vitality and superiority of the advanced socialist system of our country.

The present era is an era of science and technology; today the main reserves for the growth of production in our country lie in the rapid development of science and technology. The scientists and technicians should actively step up scientific researches from the *Juche*-oriented stand to satisfactorily solve the scientific and technical problems arising in the fulfilment of the three major tasks of the technical revolution and the Six-Year Plan and raise the level of science and technology of our country up to the world level as early as possible.

In the domain of education the principles of socialist pedagogy should be thoroughly applied to further improve the educational work, the material foundation of schools reinforced and a revolutionary habit of study established among the teachers and students.

The men of literature and art should create more revolutionary and popular literary and art works, which will help firmly arm the working people with the *Juche* idea of our Party and actively rouse them to the revolutionary struggle and constructive work.

This year, too, we should continue to direct great efforts to the work of increasing the defence capabilities of the country. The officers and men of the People's Army and the People's Security Forces should firmly arm themselves with the *Juche* idea of our Party and energetically conduct combat trainings to increase the combat power of their units in every way and should always keep themselves in a strained and mobilized posture. The Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and the Red Young Guardsmen should intensify the combat and political trainings, while successfully carrying out their revolutionary tasks, and thus prepare themselves as trustworthy reserves and replacements for the People's Army.

For the successful fulfilment of the enormous revolutionary tasks before us this year it is necessary to increase the fighting capacity of the Party organisations and decisively raise the sense of responsibility and role of the guiding personnel.

The Party organizations at all levels should give definite precedence to the ideological revolution to continuously deepen the work for the revolutionization and working-classization of all the working people and should do the work with people well to powerfully rouse the revolutionary zeal and creative ingenuity of the working people.

The guiding personnel of the Party, state and economic organs should get rid of subjectivism, bureaucratism, formalism, dodgerism and all other residue of obsolete ideas and strive to enhance the Party spirit, working class spirit and popular spirit and thoroughly put into practice the Chongsan-ri spirit and Chongsan-ri method. Especially, the functionaries of the state and economic bodies should further rationalize the enterprise management and put the work of economic organization under a scrupulous plan as required by the Taean work system and the new system of agricultural guidance so that the daily, monthly and quarterly national economic plans may be fulfilled without fail.

This year, too, we will make energetic efforts to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country. We will make every sincere effort to thoroughly implement the three principles of national reunification laid down in the July 4 north-south joint statement and join strength with all the progressive forces of south Korea to fight resolutely against the splittists within and without bent on perpetuating the country's division.

This year the Chongryun organizations and the Korean nationals in Japan should struggle more staunchly to expedite the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and make tireless efforts to strengthen international solidarity with the Japanese people and the progressive peoples of the world. The Chongryun organizations should wage an energetic struggle for establishing more thoroughly the ideological system of *Juche*, strengthening the unity and cohesion of their ranks and revolutionizing all the Korean nationals in Japan.

Today, the general international situation is developing in favour of the revolutionary cause of our people. Our Party and the Government of our Republic will energetically strive this year, too, to strengthen solidarity with all the progressive peoples of the world and wage the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle with redoubled vigour.

Comrades,

The revolutionary tasks confronting us this year are very difficult and enormous. All the Party members and working people should make uninterrupted innovation and continued advance, not slackening the heightened revolutionary spirit in the slightest degree, to effect again a new great revolutionary upsurge in socialist construction and thereby overfulfil the national economy plan for this year and lay a solid groundwork for scaling all the heights envisaged in the Six-Year Plan ahead of schedule.

Let us all unite rock-firm around the Central Committee of the Party under the uplifted banner of Marxism-Leninism, the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea, and march forward dynamically to fulfil the Six-Year Plan ahead of schedule and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

Grand Central Report Meet Fetes 1st Anniv. of Socialist Constitution Authored by President KIM IL SUNG

Our people significantly celebrated the first anniversary of the publication of "Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

On the afternoon of December 27 a grand central report meeting celebrating the first anniversary of the publication of "Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" was held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang.

Put in place of honour amid fragrant flowers on the platform was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our Party and our people, the great thinker and theoretician of our times and the genius of revolution.

The platform was taken by Comrade Kang Ryang Uk and Comrades Choe Hyon, O Jin U, Kim Dong Gyu, Kim Jung Rin and other Members of the Political Committee of the Party Central Committee; Secretaries of the Party Central Committee; vice-Premiers of the Administration Council; the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly; the Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chondoist Chongu Party; the Director of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland; Department Directors of the Party Central Committee; Ministers of the Administration Council; functionaries of working people's organizations; and generals of the Korean People's Army.

Also mounting the platform were Comrade Hong Bong Su, vice-Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun) who is heading the delegation of Koreans in Japan visiting the homeland to express thanks to the leader on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the proclamation of the Nationality Law of the DPRK instituted by the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, and the heads of the 13th and 14th home-visiting groups of compatriots from Japan and the head of the first group of women compatriots visiting the homeland from Japan.

Comrade Yang Hyong Sop, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made a report celebrating the first anniversary of the publication of the Socialist Constitution of our country. (See below)

Comrade Hong Bong Su, vice-Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryun, spoke next.

Report meetings were also held in the provincial capitals (and cities under direct jurisdiction), cities (and districts) and county seats on the occasion of the first anniversary of the publication of "Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

Scientific Forum

A grand central scientific forum significantly celebrating "Day of the Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" instituted by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was held on December 25 at the Pyongyang Mansudae Assembly Hall.

Present at the scientific forum were academicians, corresponding members of the Academy of Sciences, professors, doctors and workers engaged in studies of social science, and responsible workers of Party and power organs, working people's organisations and scientific, educational, cultural and press organs.

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Report by WPK CC PC Alternate Member Yang Hyong Sop

Comrade Yang Hyong Sop, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea said:

New Type Charter

The "Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" conceived and authored in person by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a Socialist Constitution of a new type in which the fundamental requirements of the revolution and construction in our age are embodied in an allround way, and a great monumental document of undying significance in the development of the Marxist-Leninist theory of the state and law and in the history of the law institution of the working class, stressed the reporter.

Noting that the realities of today in which the international environments of the class struggle and revolutionary struggle underwent a great change compared with the past days and the socialist construction developed in depth and scale posed it as an urgent task to institute anew the basic law of the socialist state, the reporter went on to say:

By authoring the original Socialist Constitution of a new type the leader wrote a finis to the outdated formulae of the old Constitution and provided a powerful weapon of proletarian dictatorship which plays a tremendous instructive and mobilizing role in the building of socialism and communism.

Juche Idea Embodied

Noting that the Socialist Constitution of our country authored in person by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the *Juche*-based Constitution which is most superior both in its overall system and content, the reporter continued:

The superiority of our Constitution is unthinkable apart from the fact that its cornerstone is the immortal *Juche* idea and it is run through with the *Juche* idea.

The new Constitution comprehensively codifies the shining victories and exploits of world-historic significance achieved by our people in revolution and construction under the revolutionary banner of the *Juche* idea founded by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

In the new Socialist Constitution the leader fixes by law the great victories and successes attained in the revolution and construction of our country, thus providing a firm legal guarantee for defending more firmly the precious gains of revolution won by our people at the cost of blood.

Pointing out that the Socialist Constitution of our country comprehensively stipulates all the principles governing the spheres of politics, economy and culture, the basic realms of social life, the reporter stressed: This is the basic characteristics of the new Constitution distinguishable from the old Constitutions which mainly referred to the system of the state structure. This constitutes the basic guarantee for its incomparable superiority and tremendous vitality.

He went on to say:

All the principles to govern the spheres of politics, economy and culture laid down in the Socialist Constitution of our country stem from the great *Juche* idea, indicating in an overall way basic orientation and ways of thoroughly implementing the revolutionary line of independence, self-reliance and self-defence in all spheres of state activity and further strengthening the political, economic and military foundation of the revolutionary power of the workers and peasants. The new Constitution serves as a sharp political weapon in the possession of the power of the Republic for firmly defending and pushing through the lines and policies of our Party and successfully exercising the proletarian dictatorship and a powerful judicial means of revolutionizing and working-classizing the whole society and pushing ahead with socialist economic and cultural construction by thoroughly carrying out the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions.

The basic rights and duties of the citizens stipulated in the new Constitution fully reflect the essential demands of the social life under socialism based on collectivism and strikingly demonstrate the superiority and invincible might of the socialist system of our country which makes the working masses masters of society and enables them to lead an independent and creative life.

The new state structure in which all the state organs form an integral organism with the presidency as its basis is a most superior and rational system of state administration under which all the state organs can satisfactorily perform their functions in the struggle for implementing the Party policies under the personal unitary guidance of the leader, the working people can fully and practically exercise state power and functionaries of state organs can faithfully work as the servants of the people.

Original Form

The Socialist Constitution of the Republic authored in person by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a most original Constitution fully meeting all the demands of the basic law of the socialist state and a most revolutionary and popular Constitution making it possible to enhance in every way the functions and role of the socialist state and successfully organize and mobilize the revolutionary enthusiasm and creative ingenuity of the broad working masses to the revolution and construction, the reporter emphasized, and continued:

The Socialist Constitution of our country authored in person by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a true textbook and programmatic guideline in the revolution and construction, in which are codified the fundamental requirements to be held fast to by the state of the working class at all times in the whole course of the revolution and the socialist and communist construction.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught as follows:

"The Socialist Constitution is to protect by law the socialist system and the dictatorship of the proletariat established in the northern half of the Republic and to serve the revolutionary cause of the working class."

By propounding the revolutionary and original idea that the proletarian dictatorship must be held fast to up to the higher phase of communism as long as imperialism remains on the globe and the class struggle continues even after the establishment of the socialist system, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung gave a most correct answer to the vital question on which hinges the prospect of the building of socialism and communism and creatively developed the Marxist-Leninist theory of the proletarian dictatorship.

Characteristics

The Socialist Constitution of our country which embodies this original idea of the leader on the proletarian dictatorship clearly defines the working class character and nature of the socialist state, thus scientifically expounding the true class aspects of the state of the working class after the establishment of the socialist system and dealing a devastating blow to the wrong stand and views denying proletarian dictatorship on the pretext of "changed conditions."

The Socialist Constitution of our country authored by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung reflects the fundamental demands of the building of socialism and communism that precedence should be given to political work, with primary attention to people, to solve all problems.

Our Constitution, on the basis of the great successes attained by the power of the Republic in the struggle for educating and remoulding the working people on communist lines and capturing the ideological fortress of communism, defines the ideological revolution, the remoulding of people, as the most important task of the socialist state and codifies the revolutionary demands for pushing through the great Chongsan-*ri* spirit and Chongsan-*ri* method and steadily deepening and developing the Chollima movement, the general line of socialist construction.

The Socialist Constitution of our country also fully reflects the superiority and fundamental demands of the socialist system under which the working masses are the masters of everything and all things of society are in the service of the working masses.

Brilliantly recorded in the Socialist Constitution of our country are the great historic victories won by the Government of the Republic in the struggle for achieving the politico-ideological unity of the entire people and clearly expounded there are the programmatic guiding principles for further consolidating and developing these precious victories.

By defining the politico-ideological unity of the entire people as the solid political basis of our state, the Socialist Constitution of our country codifies the fundamental demands on which a socialist state should keep a firm hold throughout the period of the revolution and construction.

Our Socialist Constitution codifies the lines and policies of our Party to strengthen the unity and cohesion of the popular masses and institutes a most superior and reasonable, new system of state structure and thus provides a solid legal guarantee to thoroughly ensure the unitary guidance of the leader and further consolidate, as firm as a rock, the politico-ideological unity of the entire people.

Indeed, the Socialist Constitution of our country authored in person by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung constitutes a programmatic guiding compass of the socialist state in its activities and a powerful weapon guaranteeing the victory of the socialist and communist construction because it embodies in an overall way the fundamental demands on which a firm hold should be kept all along in the revolution and construction.

The Socialist Constitution authored by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has had a great revolutionary influence upon the south Korean people who see their happy future in the brilliant socialist realities of the northern half of the Republic and it powerfully inspires their struggle against the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique.

He pointed out:

The Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea personally authored by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has a great revolutionary influence upon the Korean citizens in Japan and all other overseas compatriots who are fighting vigorously as the legitimate overseas citizens of the D.P.R.K. and powerfully encourages and inspires their struggle.

The Socialist Constitution personally authored by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is evoking ever greater repercussions upon the broad sections of the world people as the days go by and exerting a deep revolutionary influence upon them for its embodiment of the most universal truth of revolution and construction in our era.

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President KIM IL SUNG Sends Again Educational Aid Fund to Koreans Here

PYONGYANG, Dec. 28 (KCNA)—Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people and benevolent father of the 600,000 compatriots in Japan, entrusted the Korean Committee for Aiding Overseas Compatriots to send a large sum of 52nd instalment of educational aid fund and stipends to the Central Educational Association of Koreans in Japan for the development of the democratic, national education of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun).

Under the paternal solicitude of the fatherly leader who spares nothing for the younger generation of the revolution, the Central Committee of the Red Cross Society of the DPRK sent 369,684,700 yen in Japanese currency to the Central Educational Association of Koreans in Japan at the proposal of the Korean Committee for Aiding Overseas Compatriots.

The educational aid fund and stipends sent by the fatherly leader who always looks after the successors to the revolution with utmost care in 52 instalments reached 14,648,078,533 yen in Japanese currency.

DPRK and Afghanistan Agree to Open Diplomatic Relations

The report on establishing diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Afghanistan has been published.

The report reads:

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan agreed upon the establishment of diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level between the two countries on December 26, 1973. (KCNA)

"Scientific Seminar on Juche Idea of Middle, Near East and African Region" Held in Mogadishu, Capital of Somalia

A grand "Scientific Seminar on the *Juche* Idea of Middle, Near East and African Region" was held in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, from Nov. 19 to 21 last year.

The scientific seminar on the *Juche* idea was held at the "People's Hall" with the national flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and those of various countries represented at the scientific seminar set up and the slogan reading "Warm Welcome to the Delegates to the Scientific Seminar on the *Juche* Idea!" hung out prominently.

Put in place of honor on the platform of the seminar were a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the founder of the immortal *Juche* idea and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working class movement, and a portrait of Major General Mohamed Siad Barre, Chairman of the Supreme Revolutionary Council of the Somali Democratic Republic.

On display at the seminar were the works of genius of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and many photographs showing his glorious and brilliant revolutionary history and the shining successes made by the Korean people in the revolutionary struggle and socialist construction under the wise leadership of the leader.

Attending the seminar were government delegations of many countries including Somalia, Sierra Leone, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Mauritania and Uganda and delegates of study groups of the works of Comrade Kim Il Sung and of fighting organizations, and prominent political activists and public figures, doctors, professors and leading personnel of press organs from Dahomey, Syria, the Congo, Tanzania, Mali, Togo, Lebanon and other countries, who are deeply interested in studying the immortal *Juche* idea founded by the great leader and bringing it to realization in the revolution and construction—more than 300 people including above 60 delegates.

Present there were members of the Supreme Revolutionary Council of the Somali Democratic Republic.

The seminar adopted amid enthusiastic applause of the entire attendants a message to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the Korean people and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

An opening address was made by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the "Scientific Seminar on the *Juche* Idea of Middle, Near East and African Region."

He, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the seminar, warmly welcomed the entire delegates attending the scientific seminar on the *Juche* idea founded by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and noted: it is a very happy event that the scientific seminar is opening in Somalia for the study of the great *Juche* idea.

He expressed the conviction that the "Scientific Seminar on the *Juche* Idea of Middle, Near East and African Region" would further enrich the successes of the seminars on the *Juche* idea that had been held in Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, and Free Town, the capital of Sierra Leone.

Aden Sek, Secretary of State in Charge of Higher Education and Culture, authorized by the Somali Government, made a congratulatory speech.

In his congratulatory speech he, on behalf of the Somali Government and people, warmly congratulated the members of the delegations and delegates from various countries who came to Somalia to attend the scientific seminar on the *Juche* idea and highly appreciated the wide dissemination of the *Juche* idea in the Middle and Near East and African region and hoped for great success of the scientific seminar.

Read at the seminar were congratulatory messages and letters from public organizations and fighting organizations of various countries of Africa and Middle and Near East which find their road in the *Juche* idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and make a deep-going study of it.

A report was delivered by Mahhad Akash, Editor-in-Chief of the Syrian Paper "Cultural News" and Chairman of the Steering Committee of the "Scientific Seminar on the *Juche* Idea of Middle, Near East and African Region."

The report was followed by speeches of many delegates.

In the closing address the Secretary of State in Charge of Higher Education and Culture of Somalia hailed the successes of the scientific seminar on the *Juche* idea and laid stress on the significance of the seminar.

The *Juche* idea, he stressed, is a powerful ideological weapon for the people fighting against imperialism and colonialism and for independence, progress and justice.

He concluded his address by loudly shouting "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung!" "Long live Comrade Mohamed Siad Barre!" and "Long live solidarity among militant peoples!"

Whenever stress was laid, in an excited tone, on the great revolutionary ideas and wise leadership of the leader and the immortal feats he has performed in the Korean and world revolutions in the report and speeches, thunderous applause burst forth from the attendants and a chorus of the everlasting revolutionary paean "Song of General Kim Il Sung" rang out, resounding through the meeting hall.

After the seminar was over, all the delegates hardened their determination to uphold the banner of the immortal *Juche* idea for the victory of the revolution in their countries and the world revolution with loud shouts of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the *Juche* idea!" expressing the feelings of infinite respect and adoration for the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution who brightly lights the whole world with the radiant rays of *Juche*.

During the scientific seminar, the Somali newspaper "Vanguard" printed a portrait of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in place of honour and carried the full text of his immortal classic work "On Some Problems of Our Party's *Juche* Idea and the Government of the Republic's Internal and External Policies."

"Stella d'Octobre," government organ of Somalia, carried an editorial headlined "Warm Congratulations to the Seminar on the *Juche* Idea" and an article entitled "The Aspect of Independence and the Aspect of Creativeness of the *Juche* Idea" and published photo-illustrated accounts of the scientific seminar every day.

The Somali Government arranged a grand banquet in honour of the attendants of the scientific seminar on the *Juche* idea on the evening of November 22.

Report of Syrian Chief Delegate

A report was made at the seminar by Chairman of the Steering Committee of the seminar Mahhad Akash, Editor-in-Chief of "Cultural News," who was heading the Syrian delegation.

Noting that a full year had elapsed since the convening of "Pan-African Scientific Seminar on the *Juche* Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung" that took place in the Sierra Leone's capital of Free Town, the reporter stressed: This seminar is a new progressive and historical step which is due to deepen our awareness and enhance our belief in the merits of the *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the eminent Marxist-Leninist of our time, the genius revolutionary and the great leader. The *Juche* idea is imbued with justice, power, and inexhaustible vitality. This prompts us to firmly defend it, embody and spread it far and wide.

The reporter went on:

Comrade Kim Il Sung has initiated the great *Juche* idea, since he began the Korean revolution. He developed and deepened the idea into a great theory with an integrated intellectual and theoretical framework. This has been achieved throughout the long march for the Korean and world revolutions. Thus, Comrade Kim Il Sung developed the Marxist-Leninist theory and moved it to a new higher stage.

The *Juche* idea is the essence of the revolutionary thought of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

This revolutionary thought of the great Comrade Kim Il Sung is a complete intellectual and theoretical system revolving around the *Juche* idea. This thought offers the strategical and tactical ways with which peoples can pursue their revolutionary struggle and the practical bases for building socialism and communism.

People Masters of Revolution and Construction

The *Juche* idea is a great Marxist-Leninist guideline of our time including the fundamental principles of revolution and offering the basic stand and the original way of soundly resolving all issues which may emerge during the battle of revolution and construction.

Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught us:

"In a nutshell, the idea of Juche means that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and construction."

The masses of the people are the masters of the revolution and construction and they are the motive force of the revolution and construction.

When oppressed and exploited masses of the people lack awareness and consciousness, consider it their "fate" to suffer from hunger, poverty, suppression and exploitation, and content themselves with aspiring for the resources in the hands of imperialists, then they can never be able to save themselves from the yoke of humiliation and servitude.

This cruel lesson is recognised by millions of people including those in Middle Eastern and African countries who have, throughout hundreds of years, suffered from the injustice of imperialism and colonialism and are still suffering to date from the effects of this injustice.

However, when the oppressed people is conscious that it is the master of its own fate, when such people realises that it can liberate itself through its own forces and its own struggle, then it can achieve a decisive victory in its battle for liberation from all forms of dependence and chains. This is the first reality of the revolutionary struggle and the construction process which people learn from the *Juche* idea.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung says:

"The base of the Juche idea is that man is the master of all things and decides everything."

Comrade Kim Il Sung teaches, the philosophical basis of the *Juche* idea rests on one principle, namely, that man is the master of all things and decides everything.

This original summing up by Comrade Kim Il Sung of the essence of the *Juche* idea is an innovative expression which makes the basis of a *Juche* philosophy in a genius manner, and explains the roots of the philosophical concepts of the working class concerning a world of new shape.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung did not conceive of man in terms of matter in general as the case had been in the past but he looked at the world as a whole from the viewpoint of man whom he considers the highest form of the development of matter. Thus he has scientifically determined the position of man in the world and its role in it.

Comrade Kim Il Sung taught us:

"Independence is what keeps man alive...

"Ignoring independence is tantamount to ignoring man himself."

He also taught that **"All activities of people are determined by their ideology."**

This original premise of Comrade Kim Il Sung defines the general characteristics of man. Man is an independent creature who actively transforms nature and society. It is man's creative capability which can transform and control the world.

Conscious reasoning is the decisive factor which determines man's behaviours, and on reason depend the success of man and his triumph. Man, having this conscious reasoning, can grasp nature's law of evolution and the law of society's development. He turns to the development of nature and society, and puts them under his control.

This is the essence of the philosophic idea of *Juche*, and its thinking basis. It has ingeniously been formulated by Comrade Kim Il Sung and thus he put in the hands of the working class as well as all the progressive peoples the theoretical and ideological weapon that is indeed the soundest theory and the best way to render man the pivot of thinking and interpretation of the world. Thus men can be in a position to refashion simultaneously nature, society and the people.

Independent and Creative Stands

Comrade Kim Il Sung has ingeniously expounded the fundamental stand and fundamental means to be adhered to in revolution and construction.

Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught us the following:

"Establishing Juche means having the attitude of a master toward the revolution and construction. Since the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people, they should take a responsible attitude of a master toward the revolution and construction. The attitude of a master finds expression in independent and creative stands."

He also says:

"In other words, the independent stand is the fundamental stand which we must maintain in the revolution and construction, and the creative stand is the fundamental method that we must apply in transforming nature and society."

Having the attitude of a master toward the revolution and construction is the fundamental requirement of the *Juche* idea.

Independence is the cornerstone to which the people and the revolutionaries of a country must stick in their quest of revolution and building.

Revolutionary struggle is the struggle for the liberation of people from all forms of dependency; revolutionary struggle is the struggle of the masses of the people in defence of their independence; the author of revolution and building in any country is the people of that country; and nobody can stage a country's revolution on behalf of the people of that country.

Creative stand is the basic way which we should follow in transforming nature and society.

As long as the conditions of a revolution and building differ from one country to the other, the revolutionary objectives also differ from one country to the other. For this reason it is incumbent on the peoples and revolutionaries to renounce ideological rigidity of ready-made formula and dogmatism of swallowing up others' experiences; they have to revive the innovating wisdom and force of the masses of the peoples; they have to resolve their problems in accordance with the actual conditions of their country.

Independence, Self-Sufficiency and Self-Defence

Saying that Comrade Kim Il Sung does not confine himself to laying down the theoretical and philosophical principles of the *Juche* doctrine and taking the basic stand and principal way to revolution and building, but adds to it the embodiment of the *Juche* doctrine in all domains; independence in policy-making; self-sufficiency in economics, self-defence for national defence, the reporter continued:

Independence in politics is a guiding principle which should be maintained by the nation and people of each country in mapping out all lines and policies and implementing them.

To guarantee independence in politics is a primary and basic task of the nation to become the maker of their destiny. A nation can have complete independence only when it has a sovereign power and only when the sovereignty of a government is guaranteed can it shape correct lines and policies and achieve the prosperity of the nation and the progress and development of the country.

Self-sufficiency in economics is the wonderful embodiment of the idea of *Juche* in building up the economy of a country.

Self-sufficiency in economics is the material basis of political independence. A strong economy is the base for the capacity of a strong national defence. When an independent national economy is built up on the basis of self-reliance it will be possible to produce, at one and the same time, the necessary instruments for the economic build-up, and those necessary for national defence, as well as the other requirements for the welfare of the people.

By the build-up of the independent national economy, can we consolidate the country's political independence and ensure the practical dignity of the people. Self-sufficiency in national defence is the wonderful embodiment of the *Juche* doctrine in the field of national defence. Self-sufficiency in national defence is incumbent on each independent and sovereign state. It is the military security for political independence, economic self-sufficiency of a country. Foreign support during the war is important but, under all circumstances, this support does not play the decisive role.

When a people build up their defence force by themselves, they will be able to defend their country's independence and their revolutionary gains, and shield them against the imperialists' aggressions. And they can ensure the rise of a new society which provides a secure life for its people.

Guiding Director for All Countries

Noting that the *Juche* doctrine is a revolutionary idea which is completely consistent with the spirit of proletarian internationalism, the reporter stressed: this valuable fact has been elaborated by the *Juche* idea, and has thus provided the guarantees for the working class to sincerely discharge, simultaneously, the national and international missions.

He went on to say:

The age in which we live is stamped by the struggle of all the oppressed people labouring towards the realization of self-determination. It is worthy to mention that the contemporary communist movement is passing through historical conditions which greatly differ from those of the past. We find that at present the communist movement has embraced all parts of the world. The communists have been able to stand on firm grounds and to turn into strugglers capable of applying the essence of communism in the field of labour. Many of the countries of the world in our age have adopted a socialist regime. This has eventually led to the reformulation of many of the issues connected with the establishment of socialism and communism into new formulae.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius leader and great Marxist-Leninist, realizing the new pressing and urgent requisites of the revolution of our age, has created the immortal idea of *Juche* as a solution to those problems. Thus he enlightened the path to all progressive nations in the entire world so as to help them to achieve the cause of national liberation against imperialism and the cause of building of socialism and communism.

The *Juche* idea stands as a great doctrine and as a guiding director for all countries during the phase of the revolution and construction as well as during the different stages of development.

New Era of Juche

Comrade Kim Il Sung not only founded the *Juche* doctrine but also correctly led the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean people towards its embodiment, thus ushering in a new era of *Juche*.

The *Juche* idea has now gone over the borders of Korea to become an original intellectual trend in our time. It is spreading every day among the peoples of the world, which is a proof of its inexhaustible vitality, originality and justice.

The reporter continued:

The revolutionary peoples in Asia, Africa and Latin America are nowadays waging a fierce struggle against the aggression and intervention of imperialism in order to maintain their independence and sovereignty and achieve self-sufficiency in the field of economy and national self-defence.

In Africa, the continent which once was called the dark continent, the peoples are carrying the banner of struggle to repel aggression and exploitation by American imperialism and its Western allies in Europe and in order to completely liberate the whole continent.

These achievements have been realized under the banner of independence and hostility to imperialism. They were also realized through self-reliance. This disproves the imperialists and colonialists' claims and also the claims of reactionaries and racists that the third world countries cannot stand on their feet.

These achievements and this progress on the path of revolution and construction have proved and still prove that the *Juche* doctrine has become a guiding doctrine. It represents a development of Marxism-Leninism in revolutionary struggle. The *Juche* idea is one that guarantees the triumph of revolution in each country and all the triumph of the world revolution. It is a victorious invincible weapon.

The *Juche* idea has become an accomplished fact both in theory and practice. It is impossible to guide the revolution and construction to victory and it is also impossible to correct any deviations except through this great doctrine. It is important that there is an increasing enthusiasm for the study of this doctrine by the militants in addition to embodying and making use of the experiences of people applying it.

In our view, the study of this doctrine and learning how to apply it are an integral part of our sacred mission and our national responsibility before our peoples, our revolutionary cause and our age.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius founder of the *Juche* idea, developed and enriched Marxism-Leninism and contributed to the cause of world revolution. That is why he commands absolute respect and love in the hearts of the progressive peoples all over the world.

From the depths of our hearts, we wish Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius leader and respectable teacher, good health and a long age that enable him to realize the complete victory of the Korean and other revolutions and the world revolution. We would also like to express our supreme respect and esteem for him.

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Shining Successes Scored in DPRK's Socialist Construction in 1973

The working people of Chollima Korea brilliantly decorated the year of 1973 with their shining successes in labour.

Last year adorned with creation and innovation witnessed signal successes made by our socialist builders.

Engraving deep on their mind the teaching of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on making the year of 1973 a decisive year in the fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan, the constructors have vigorously raced ahead at the speed of Chollima to build many great monumental edifices of the era of the Workers' Party.

Industry

One of the greatest successes made in the industrial construction last year is the building of the Kumsong Tractor Plant, one of the biggest in the world.

The builders of the plant fully displayed mass heroism with the single desire to translate into reality as early as possible the grand conception of the fatherly leader to deliver the peasants from labour-consuming work once and for good. As a result, the gigantic project which would take five or six years at an ordinary tempo was completed in a matter of one year or more.

With the building of the completely automated, modernized large-scale plant which forms a conveyor line in all processes from the production of materials to their carrying, processing and assembling, our industrial construction has entered a new higher stage.

The building of this plant with the annual production capacity of tens of thousands of tractors has marked a great turn in the fulfilment of the tasks of the technical revolution in the countryside set forth by the rural theses and the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Last year our constructors built a casting shop in the Sungri General Automobile Plant and expanded the Pukchang Thermal Power Plant, the Fertilizer Shop of the Nampo Smeltery and the Sunchon Lime-Nitrogenous Fertilizer Factory.

The phosphorous fertilizer factories and shops made their appearance in Chongsu, Haeju, Munpyong, Hungnam and various other places last year.

The No. 1 furnace of the Hwanghae Iron Works was largely expanded on a modern line to markedly increase production and a stamping shop was built at the Chollima Kangson Steel Works. And the expansion project of the Kim Chaek Iron Works is being stepped up at high tempo.

Transportation

Last year the railway builders made a proud success in completing the project of laying the Sinchon-Unryul Railway Line extending hundreds of *ri* along the western coast. The opening of this railway line to traffic rendered it possible to meet satisfactorily the fast growing demand for transportation in the western area, ease the transportation of iron ore done only by ships in the past and greatly contribute to the development of the national economy and the improvement of people's living in South Hwanghae Province by carrying large quantities of farm produce and farming materials in good time.

The construction of light industrial factories and other industrial establishments was also vigorously pushed ahead in our country.

City Building

A signal success was registered in the city construction, too.

Last year the builders of the capital completed a modern metro, no less beautiful and grandiose than the edifices on the ground. The Pyongyang Metro is indeed a big monumental creation of the Workers' Party era that shows well what a level of development the construction, industries and culture of our country have reached as a whole.

That is why foreign friends lavish praises on the Pyongyang Metro, saying that it was so nicely built as to serve the convenience of the people and its designs and architecture are quite wonderful and calling it an "underground palace," "underground paradise" and "model of metro."

Last year the builders of the capital erected the grandiose and beautiful 22-storeyed No. 2 Building of Kim Il Sung University and the Pyongyang Hall of Sports and Culture with a 20,000-man seating capacity, a grand sports palace with the building site of over 200,000 square metres and the floor space of nearly 70,000 square metres. The construction of the grandiose, beautiful and fascinating Potonggang People's Hall has been pushed ahead at the finishing stage.

The builders of the capital built new streets at a rapid tempo to beautify the capital.

Along with the construction of Pyongyang, the construction of Nampo, Kiyang and other local cities was carried out on a large scale and many modern dwelling houses were constructed in the rural villages of Chungsan, Onchon, Taedong and all other counties throughout the country.

More schools, hospitals and cultural and welfare establishments have sprung up in all parts of the country.

Shown here is an aerial view of the Kumsong Tractor Plant, one of the biggest tractor producers in the world, completed last July.

Victory of Juche Idea

All these successes made in the field of construction last year were entirely attributable to the wise leadership and deep solicitude of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Busy as he was with leading the revolution and construction as a whole, the leader personally chose the sites of buildings to be handed down through generations, personally provided all the necessary conditions for the successful carrying out of the projects and gave concrete guidance on the spot on several occasions, clearly indicating the scale of construction and its direction.

The leader warmly looked after the work and life of the builders with the paternal affection and energetically roused them to creation and innovation, thus leading them to perform brilliant feats.

Our builders who are always loyal to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are filled with the determination to achieve greater victory this year.

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Year of Great Advance in National Reunification And Democratization Struggle

Review of S. Korean Situation in 1973

The year 1973 was a year the Korean people won a great victory in the struggle for expediting the independent and peaceful reunification of the country under the rays of the great *Juche* idea founded by President Kim Il Sung.

In face of the vigorous struggle of the south Korean people for the country's reunification and their struggle against fascism and for democracy and the powerful trend of the situation, the splittists within and without have made desperate efforts to resist it. But the general trend of the development of the situation has proved that this is nothing but a hopeless squirm of the doomed.

Victorious Reunification Line

One of the important features of the development of the south Korean situation last year is that thanks to the *Juche*-based line of the country's independent and peaceful reunification put forth by President Kim Il Sung and to the initiative and active steps taken each time by him, the criminal "two Koreas" plot of the splittists within and without was smashed into pieces and a great victory won in the struggle of the Korean people for the reunification of the country.

President Kim Il Sung taught:

"It is the invariable policy of our Party and the Government of the Republic to reunify the divided country independently and peacefully. From the first days of our country's division, we have made all sincere efforts for its peaceful reunification."

President Kim Il Sung, through his historic speech on August 6, 1971, opened out an occasion for a great turn on the road to national reunification and actively paved the way for contact and dialogue between the north and south. Especially, the leader repeatedly advanced last year most reasonable lines and proposals for accelerating national reunification through his historic speeches on April 16, June 23 and October 28, and led the entire people of north and south Korea along the one road of victory.

The five-point program of national reunification in which concrete ways for expediting the peaceful reunification of the country are indicated and other *Juche*-based lines put forth by the leader and all the reasonable proposals of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in which they are put into concrete forms, have evoked the unanimous support and sympathy of the public opinion at home and abroad for their justness and made the south Korean people burn with new ardent desire for national reunification.

The Pak Jung Hi clique of traitors, however, has persistently pursued split, openly trampling down the principles of national reunification laid down in the north-south joint statement.

Openly trampling underfoot, above all, the principle of independent reunification, the rascals threw together the stupid balderdash that as the "United Nations forces are not outside forces" they "should stay" in south Korea and the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea" should also remain, and begged for the permanent occupation of south Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and an increase of their aggressive "military aid."

The Pak clique, while paying lip-service to "peace," perpetrated such provocative acts as stepping up the war preparations and coiling up the tension between the north and the south in wanton violation of the principle of peaceful reunification.

Totally overriding the principle of promoting great national unity, transcending the difference of ideology, ideal and system, the Pak fascist clique staged almost every day such "anti-communist" burlesque as "exhibition for prevail-over-communism unification" and "anti-communist oratorical contest," croaking about the "spiritual arming" for vanquishing communism and went the length of setting even a "month for defence of freedom" and inculcated not only into the minds of adult civilians but also into the minds of children antagonism against the northern half of the Republic and "prevail-over-communism" idea.

The Pak group of agents which established the system of long-term office by the fascist one-man and one-party dictatorship under the slogan of "revitalization" in October 1972, enacted hosts of new fascist evil laws or revised existing ones to be more fascist on the pretext of "establishment of the revitalizing order" and arrested, jailed and murdered at random students and patriotic personages who fought for national reunification and the democratization of society.

The gang of agents stretched out their crooked hands even abroad; they spirited democratic figure Kim Dae Jung, an exile, from Tokyo. This is a clear proof of how desperately the gangsters are working to liquidate and stifle all the elements considered to be a menace to them.

The Pak Jung Hi clique brought the dialogue to the brink of rupture, crying out for "confrontation with dialogue," "competition with dialogue" and "co-existence with dialogue."

At the instigation of the U.S. imperialists the clique announced in June last year the so-called "special foreign policy statement for peace and reunification" in which it declared the "two Koreas" plot as its policy on the pretext of "adapting" itself "to the international trend" towards "co-existence and status quo," thus perpetrating the treachery of openly reversing the north-south joint statement.

The U.S. and Japanese reactionaries and the Pak gang brought before the United Nations General Assembly the splittist and aggressive resolution called "plan for separate U.N. membership for two Koreas" and resorted to every dastardly ruse to bring their criminal plot to success.

But the "two Koreas" plot of the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and the Pak clique met the unanimous denunciation and rebuff of hundreds of millions of peoples of the world over aspiring after independence. This was a natural outcome of the developments.

The Fourth Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Nations held in Algiers early in September last year with the attendance of over 100 delegations including the heads of state and government of more than 80 countries of the world and their delegates adopted a resolution holding that Korea must not enter the United Nations as two Koreas, but should enter it as one Korea. This was a stirring fact proving the correctness and great vitality of the line of independent reunification of the country firmly maintained all along by the WPK and the Government of the Republic.

The 28th United Nations General Assembly noted with satisfaction the north-south joint statement the keynote of which is the three principles of national reunification made public on July 4, 1972 and urged the north and the south to continue the dialogue and realize many-sided interchange and cooperation and decided to disband at once the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea" and announced this.

This is a brilliant fruition of the line of independent reunification of the country which was shaped by President Kim Il Sung and which has been consistently maintained by the WPK and the Government of the Republic and the struggle of the Korean people for implementing it; this was a proud victory of the independent line of the WPK that aroused undisputed sympathy and support of the progressive people of the world.

All the facts have convincingly proved that thanks to the correctness of the line of independent national reunification of the WPK and the Government of the Republic based on the great *Juche* idea the international position of the Republic is rising faster and the overall situation is developing more in favour of the struggle of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

In face of this trend of the times the Pak Jung Hi gang has slid deeper into the position of an international orphan and its crisis deepened beyond retrieve.

Anti-Pak Resistance Rages

Another characteristic feature witnessed in the development of the south Korean situation last year is that the struggle of the south Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and the democratization of society mounted higher than ever before under the rays of the great *Juche* idea founded by President Kim Il Sung and this shook more powerfully the fascist ruling system of the south Korean reactionaries to its very foundation.

The flame of the sacred resistance struggle kindled by students of the liberal arts and science college of Seoul University on October 2 last under the slogan "Down with Pak Regime!" to clear the dark clouds heavily hanging over the southern half fast spread with terrific force to Suwon, Inchon, Kwangju, Taegu and Pusan, implanting the seeds of fire for struggle in the hearts of the oppressed and exploited people.

By early December last the ranks of resistance struggle were joined by more than 100,000 patriotic students from over 50 universities and colleges and more than 10 high schools.

The sacred resistance struggle of the students was joined by south Korean journalists and religionists, and men of culture and lawyers and conscientious opposition figures as well as people of all other strata and broad public circles of south Korea issued statements and declarations, merging their voice into the just voice of the patriotic students. Compatriots under the "ROK" Residents' Association in Japan (Mindan) and compatriots in the United States and West European countries also determinedly came out in response to the massive struggle of the south Korean people against fascism and for democracy.

As seen in the declaration of the students of the liberal arts and science college of Seoul University, the mass struggle of the patriotic students and people that flared up in south Korea was an eruption of the pent-up grievances against the fascist tyranny of the Pak clique and an expression of their resolution to overthrow the fascist terror rule of the scoundrels and ardent desire to win democratic freedom and rights and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, the long-cherished desire of the nation.

It is well proved by the fact that they are fighting courageously, frustrating the barbarous fascist suppression by the gangsters, holding in the foreground from the very beginning the anti-"government" slogans: "Down with the Pak Regime!" "Down with the Revitalized Dictatorship!" "Dissolve the Central Intelligence Agency, the Chieftain of the Intelligence Fascist Rule!" "Guarantee the Right to Existence!" and "Death or Freedom!"

The south Korean students and people are sternly denouncing with surging indignation the treacherous crimes of the Pak clique which is seeking the permanent split of the country, clinging to the sleeves on the outside forces, loudly shouting "End dependence on Japan!" "Expel (the Japanese militarists) across the Korean Straits" and "Ensure free discussion of and participation in the affair of reunification!" together with the anti-"government" slogans.

The south Korean patriotic students, resisting fascist repression, keep up their undaunted struggle with the firm determination "to continue their march to the last man," declaring that "the new students' movement begins now" and shouting "Hold a national referendum by repealing the 'revitalized constitution', the root cause of the intelligence fascist politics, and enacting a new constitution" and "Put an immediate stop to the economic dependence on Japan and ensure the people the right to existence."

The Pak Jung Hi fascist ruling system is shaking to its very foundation in face of the powerful resistance of the students and people who are determined not to stop their struggle till all their righteous demands will have been met, and the situation reminds us of the time of the April 19 Uprising that toppled the fascist dictatorship of Syngman Rhee.

The south Korean students and people of all strata are aware through their experiences of life that without struggle, neither genuine freedom and democracy nor the independent and peaceful reunification of the country aspired after by the whole nation so impatiently, can be achieved. Flying the banner of struggle against fascism and for democracy, they will fight stubbornly and unyieldingly and win a new victory in the struggle for the democratization of society and the acceleration of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country this year.

Members of the National Council for the Defense of Democracy, including press, cultural and religious personages issued a statement on Nov. 5, 1973 at YMCA, Seoul, denouncing the Pak Jung Hi dictatorship and appealing to the south Korean people to struggle for democracy and freedom.

DPRK Students Body Denounces Murder of S. Korean Students

The Korean Students Committee made public a statement on December 25 last in denunciation of the Pak Jung Hi fascist gang of murderers who have been brutally suppressing the struggle of the south Korean students against fascism and for democracy and have gone the length of torturing three collegians to death.

The statement said: The recent homicide committed by the Pak Jung Hi clique stems from its dirty political design to put down the powerful struggle of the people and students against the fascist dictatorial system and prolong its remaining days.

It is a habitual practice of the Pak Jung Hi clique of murderers to repress and kill south Korean students each time its ruling system is driven into a dilemma.

The statement recalled that it is none other than these hangmen who abducted Kim Dae Jung and cold-bloodedly murdered Professor Choe Jong Gil of Seoul University for his active support to the just patriotic struggle of the south Korean students.

The statement pointed out: With no crafty trick can the scoundrels conceal their crime. **(KCNA)**

KCNA Condemns "Special Radio Speech" of S. Korean "Prime Minister"

The Korean Central News Agency was authorized to state on Dec. 28, 1973 as follows:

Brazen Harangue

South Korean "prime minister" Kim Jong Pil made on December 26 a "special radio speech" on the present situation of south Korea.

In this "radio speech," he, likening the relations between the north and south of our country to those between India and Pakistan and between the Arab countries and Israel, contended that the serious socio-political crisis sweeping south Korea today has been caused because the south Korean people are "making a row, failing to endure difficulties", instead of "organizing the national strength" for "confrontation with communism" and preached "trust in and cooperation with the government" to the south Korean people and, at the same time, menacingly declared that the moves "challenging the revitalized system" any longer would be "controlled" by force.

Worse yet, raising an outcry over the "threat of southward aggression" and "unification by communization" and relating them to the northern half of the Republic, he tried to justify the fascist suppression of the south Korean people and all the treacherous acts of his group and noisily trumpeted the long bankrupt "anti-communist" slogan and hurled malicious slanders and calumnies at us.

This unfounded brazen harangue of traitor Kim Jong Pil is a foolish ruse to evade the responsibility for the deplorable consequences caused by the treacherous policy of his group over the past 10 odd years and a piteous scream of one groping for an exit in face of the powerful resistance of the south Korean people and their stern judgement.

The serious socio-political crisis created in south Korea today is an inevitable offspring of the military fascist rule and treacherous acts of the Pak Jung Hi clique betraying the people and the nation; it has nothing to do with us.

Hangman of Democracy

The Pak Jung Hi "regime," by origin, came into being at the point of the bayonet, trampling upon all the fruits of blood of the April 19 and presented itself as the truculent hangman of democracy from the very start. It has arrested and imprisoned at random and murdered in cold blood a large number of democratic figures and patriotic people who fought for democratic rights and freedom in south Korea and for the peaceful reunification of the country.

Not content with this, it established a heinous fascist system under the cloak of "October revitalization" and turned the whole of south Korea into a suffocating land of darkness heavily weighed down by permanent "extraordinary martial law" and "state of emergency," a land of rowdyism for the gang of special agents, and reduced the whole society to a graveyard of democracy where terrorism and murder, bloodshed and tyranny, threat and blackmail prevail, without law and order.

Imploring for the permanent occupation of south Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and begging for U.S. dollars, it has surrendered the sovereignty of the nation wholly to U.S. imperialism, signed the treacherous and shackling "south Korea-Japan treaty," suppressing the resistance of the south Korean people at the point of the bayonet and drove out south Korean youths to the Vietnam battlefields as bullet shields for the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops in exchange for a few dollars.

Utterly indifferent to the dignity of the nation and the destiny of the country, it has reduced the south Korean economy today to a doubly and trebly shackled colonial economy by extensively inducing the Japanese monopoly capital and introduced even pollution industries rejected by the Japanese people as "rubbish," turning the soil of the fatherland into a polluted zone of death, and has now gone so far as to carry on "prostitution tourism" for Japs.

How can the south Korean people remain a calm onlooker at this unheard-of national distress in which the sovereignty of the nation has been stamped out, the national economy stifled and national dignity trampled underfoot without mercy and how can the south Korean people endure any longer in that suffocating living hell where medieval tyranny prevails?

It is quite natural that the south Korean students kindled the torch of democracy braving the bloody fascist suppression without precedence in history and the ranks of their struggle have been expanded with the participation of religionists, press men and patriotic personages of all other strata and broad masses of people.

Deceptive Phraseology

Nevertheless, the south Korean authorities, far from lending an ear to this just demand of the people, are crying that the people must keep silence lest "the north use them for communizing south Korea to attain reunification" and that they should endure everything under the fascist rule since there is "threat of southward aggression."

"Threat of southward aggression" and "unification by communizing south Korea" are the favourite deceptive phraseology used by the south Korean fascist ruling quarters to vilify us each time they hatched a new sinister plot, driven into a predicament.

It was on the pretext of "threat of southward aggression" that they proclaimed the "state of national emergency" to dampen the people's aspiration for reunification at the point of bayonet, in December, 1971 when the sentiments for peaceful reunification rapidly grew after the start of the north-south dialogue. In October last year when they staged the farce of the notorious "revitalizing reforms" they proclaimed the "extraordinary martial law" to turn the whole of south Korea into a land of darkness, talking about confrontation with us.

In our country there is no and there has been no "threat of southward aggression."

Sincere Efforts

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, has said as follows:

"We have never had any intention to 'invade southward', nor stated that we intend to 'invade southward.' The Government of the Republic has always called for peaceful reunification and is still today calling for it."

Our Party and the Government of our Republic have clearly manifested this stand through their actual deeds and made every sincere effort for preserving peace in our country and achieving the peaceful reunification of the country.

It was our side that put forward at the north-south dialogue the three principles of national reunification whose correctness has been publicly recognized by the whole world; it was also our side that proposed concrete steps for removing the state of military confrontation and easing the tension between the north and the south. It was none other than our side that proposed to realize many-sided cooperation and intercourse between the north and the south, convene a political consultative conference of political parties and social organizations in the north and the south and institute a north-south confederation.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, especially in his historic June 23 speech, clarified the five-point program of national reunification as a national salvation step for preventing a permanent split of the nation and achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

To ease the tension between the north and the south of our country, preserve peace there and settle the question of reunification peacefully through north-south negotiations, as a matter of fact, there is no and there can be no other way but to put into effect the proposals for peaceful reunification put forth by us.

Double-Dealing Tactics

Nevertheless, the south Korean authorities categorically turned down all these just proposals of ours and brought the dialogue to a deadlock, clinging to the double-dealing tactics and delaying tactics at the talks. They have incessantly increased tension, seeking only the north-south confrontation and competition and worked overtime to freeze the national split, seeking separate U.N. membership for two Koreas.

It is nobody's secret that Kim Jong Pil who is raising a hue and cry over the "threat of southward aggression" defamed the north-south joint statement calling it a "mere scrap of paper" on the next day of its publication and has since got more feverish than anyone else in inciting the north-south confrontation and whipping up a war hysteria.

Such being the case, who on earth can say that our efforts to reduce armaments and army strength and conclude a peace agreement pose a threat of aggression and that the south Korean authorities who oppose them and step up the arms expansion and war preparations are exposed to a threat of aggression?

Stern Warning

The Korean Central News Agency has been authorized to serve the south Korean authorities a stern warning on this base move and resolutely denounce it in the name of the entire Korean people.

By playing tricks with fictitious "threat of communization" and threatening with this the south Korean people who demand the democratization of society, the Pak Jung Hi clique seeks to divert elsewhere the attention of the people and invent a pretext for further intensifying fascist repression in south Korea and justify its treacherous crimes in exacerbating north-south antagonism and pursuing the consolidation of national split.

If the south Korean authorities truly want to find a way out they should not threaten and blackmail the people, but, responding to the unanimous demand of the south Korean people, should abolish the system of fascist dictatorship and guarantee democratic rights to the masses of the people, should stop hurling groundless slanders at us and approach the dialogue with us with sincerity, should renounce the "two Koreas" policy and accept without delay our fair and above-board proposals for peaceful reunification.

If they, refusing this, persist in their treacherous and nation-splitting manoeuvres, repressing the just struggle of the people for the democratization of society, it will only lead to the shameful result of precipitating their self-destruction.

At this critical crossroads of reunification or division, patriotism or treachery, democracy or fascist dictatorship, the south Korean people will, no doubt, wage more staunchly the just struggle for freedom, democracy and national dignity and broad circles of personages of national conscience will join it with greater enthusiasm.

If the south Korean authorities recklessly suppress the righteous struggle of the south Korean people for achieving the democratization of society and the peaceful reunification of the fatherland, persisting in their rash challenge to us, they will have to bear appropriate responsibility for all the grave consequences arising from this.

(Subtitles are ours. Ed.)

347th MAC Held:

S. Korean Warships' Infiltration Flayed

PANMUNJOM, (KCNA) The 347th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission was held on Dec. 24 last at Panmunjom at the request of our side.

At the meeting Major General Kim Poong Sup, senior member of our side, lodged a strong protest with the enemy side against the grave hostile provocations committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the south Korean bellicose elements encouraged by them against our side in the sea and air and on the ground, and called it to task for this.

A destroyer of the enemy side which was moving near the coastal waters of our side on the West Sea intruded into the coastal waters of our side up to the point around 37 degrees 31 minutes of north latitude and 125 degrees 18 minutes of east longitude on the morning of December 1 when the 346th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission was held.

Destroyers of the enemy side intruded into the coastal waters of our side also on December 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 18 and sailed southward.

Fast sailing rocket gunboats of the enemy side intruded into the coastal waters of our side several times between December 9 and 18 and perpetrated espionage and hostile acts.

An escort craft of the enemy side intruded into the coastal waters of our side between December 8 and 18 and committed espionage and hostile acts against our side.

Besides, the enemy committed espionage and hostile acts by sending various naval vessels almost every day into the coastal waters of our side; such incidents totalled more than 100 after December 1 when the 346th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission was held.

The espionage and hostile acts perpetrated by the enemy in these days through the intrusion of his various naval vessels into the coastal waters of our side are entirely deliberate and premeditated acts as in the past, declared Major General Kim Poong Sup.

He continued:

The U.S. imperialist aggressors infiltrated their high-speed, high-altitude reconnaissance plane "S.R.-71" into the air above the east and west including the Kosong, Pyonggang and Yonan areas twice on December 4 and 12, and into the air above the Ongjin Peninsula on west coast thrice on December 4, 10 and 18, and perpetrated espionage and hostile acts against our side.

Crudely violating the Armistice Agreement, they have incessantly committed provocative acts against our side also in the Demilitarized Zone and the air above it. Between November 4 and December 21, their shooting of rifles at our side in the Demilitarized Zone exceeds 40 cases and their illegal introduction of 57 mm recoilless guns and other heavy weapons totals more than 20 cases.

The enemy perpetrated the criminal act of infiltrating his military aircraft into the air above the Demilitarized Zone on six occasions from November 5 to December 21. The senior member of our side denounced these violations of the Armistice Agreement committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the south Korean bellicose elements under their patronage as grave provocations intended to increase tension and whip up the war hysteria in Korea.

He strongly demanded of the enemy side to stop at once all its criminal acts against our side, punish all those involved in the criminal acts in accordance with sub-paragraph 13-E of the Armistice Agreement and give our side assurances that it would not repeat such criminal acts in future.

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